

BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING (Amended) Approved
Held on April 21, 2025

The Board of Abatement meeting was called to order in person by Board Chair Carol Dawes at 5:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Barre, VT. In attendance in person were: Rosemary Averill, Jeff Bergeron, Carolyn Dawes, Amanda Gustin, Sarah Helman, E. John LePage, Chrysta Murray, Sonya Spaulding, Tess Taylor, Sharon Toborg, Teddy Waszazak, Assessor Larry Martin, and City Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Metivier

Members absent: Patti Bisson, Emel Cambel, Samn Stockwell, Michael Deering, Michael Boutin, Thom Kelly, Thom Lauzon, Tabitha Tant

The Board approved the minutes of the April 11, 2024 meeting on motion of Board Member Tess Taylor, seconded by Board Member Amanda Gustin. **Motion carried.**

Chair Dawes opened the abatement hearings, and administered the oath to all requesters present.

- **BOA #2025-01: Baron Properties, 10 Brook St. Parcel #0240-0010.0000.**
Casey Harrington requested abatements for the period of July 10 2023 to present for loss of 58% of building use. The flood waters ruin all heating and electrical work in basement of primary buildings. The hearing closed on motion of Board Member S. Helman, seconded by Board Member Gustin. **Motion carried.**
- **BOA #2025-02: Susan Kelley, 5 Second St. Parcel #1290-0005.0000.**
Mrs. Kelley did not appear for the hearings. The discussion was focused on lack of access to the property to determine the damage and value. The hearing closed on motion of Board Member T. Waszazak, seconded by Board Member S. Helman. **Motion carried.**
- **BOA #2025-03: Susan Kelley, 7 Hawes Pl. Parcel #0760-0007.0000.**
Mrs. Kelley did not appear for the hearings. The discussion was focused on lack of access to the property to determine the damage and value. The hearing closed on motion of Board Member T. Waszazak, seconded by Board Member S. Helman. **Motion carried.**
- **BOA #2025-04: Susan Kelley, 515 N. Main St. Parcel #1095-0515.0000.**
Mrs. Kelley did not appear for the hearings. The discussion was focused on lack of access to the property to determine the damage and value. The hearing closed on motion of Board Member T. Waszazak, seconded by Board Member S. Helman. **Motion carried.**
- **BOA #2025-05: Kyle Richardson, 12 Scampini Sq. Parcel #1280-0012.0000.** The property is on the buy-out list. The Board determined to let the buy-out process play out before addressing any abatements. The hearing closed on motion of Board Member S. Toborg, seconded by Board Member S. Helman **Motion carried.**
- **BOA #2025-06: Joseph Crosier, 16 Brooklyn St. Parcel #0245-0016.0000.** Mr. Crosier claimed significant damage to interior including electrical system, sewer & water system, heating system and walls & flooring making the building uninhabitable. The renovation to the property's intent was to move from existing home. The hearing closed on motion of Board Member S. Helman, seconded by Board Member A. Gustin **Motion carried.**
- **BOA #2025-07: Rosemary Badeau, 100 Brook St. Parcel #0240-0100.0000.** On behalf of Rosemary, her son Guy Badeau (POA) testified of the damage caused by the July 2024 flood. Since this time, Rosemary has been unable to live in the home. She would like to have taxes abated for the value of the property from the date of the event to through the TY25. The hearing closed on motion of Board Member J. LePage, seconded by Board Member T. Waszazak **Motion carried.**
- **BOA #2025-08: Lauren Chase, 24 East St. Parcel #0500-0024.0000.** Ms. Chase outlined the damage to her property from flooding in July 2024. The basement was flooded causing a toxic environment. Ms. Chase has medical conditions compounding the health risk, resulting the need to vacate the premises in July

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and August, until the living conditions were deemed safe and free of toxins. The hearing closed on motion of Board Member J. Bergeron, seconded by Board Member T. Waszazak **Motion carried.**

The Board went into deliberative session on motion of Board Member S. Helman, seconded by Board Member J. LePage. **Motion carried.**

The Board came out of deliberative session at 7:25 PM on motion of Board Member A. Gustin, seconded by Board Member T. Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

The following decisions were made in deliberative session, and written decisions will be sent to the requesters within 15 days, as required by statute:

- **BOA #2025-01: Baron Properties, 10 Brook St. Parcel #0240-0010.0000.**
Abatements for the period of July 10 2023 to present for loss of 58% of building only.
- **BOA #2025-02: Susan Kelley, 5 Second St. Parcel #1290-0005.0000.**
Abatement denied. Requests to access property to assess damages and determine building value. The process can be addressed in the future if access and assessment is allowed.
- **BOA #2025-03: Susan Kelley, 7 Hawes Pl. Parcel #0760-0007.0000.**
An abatement for the 4th quarter 2023 was granted. The discussion was focused on lack of access to the property to determine the damage and value.
- **BOA #2025-04: Susan Kelley, 515 N. Main St. Parcel #1095-0515.0000.**
Abatement denied. Value of current structures have previously been lowered.
- **BOA #2025-05: Kyle Richardson, 12 Scampini Sq. Parcel #1280-0012.0000.** The property is on the buy-out list. The Board determined to let the buy-out process play out before addressing any abatements.
- **BOA #2025-06: Joseph Crosier, 16 Brooklyn St. Parcel #0245-0016.0000.** The Board determined an abatement for the period from July 2024 for the difference in the building value which changed April 2024.
- **BOA #2025-07: Rosemary Badeau, 100 Brook St. Parcel #0240-0100.0000.** The Board granted a full 100% abatement for the 2024TY.
- **BOA #2025-08: Lauren Chase, 24 East St. Parcel #0500-0024.0000.** An abatement for 50% based on the difference in assessment.

The meeting recessed at 7:32 PM **All in agreement.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Metivier, Clerk/Treasurer